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Agenda

Call the meeting to order
Approval of July Meeting Minutes
Report from Community Partners
Fiscal Report
Biennial Plan 2017-2018
[http://in.gov/dcs/files/Region 1 final BRSSP.pdf](http://in.gov/dcs/files/Region_1_final_BRSSP.pdf)
Nazareth Home Assessments

Next Meeting:
All meetings will be held at the Lake County Juvenile
Complex-3000 W. 93rd Ave Crown Point, IN

December 11, 2017

Adjournment



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Regional Service Council Minutes

Region 1

July 24, 2017

3:30 PM

Lake County Juvenile Justice Center
3000 West 93rd Avenue
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

Council Members Present: Rehana Adat-Lopez, Ellis Dumas, Magistrate Matt Gruett, Malea Guidarelli, Breanne LaPlante, Lois Logan-Beard, Erica Rios, Annette Smith, Thomas Stefaniak, Twan Stokes, Diane Weiss-Bradley

Council Members Absent: Kathleen Guzek

Call to Order

RM Ellis Dumas called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Malea Guidarelli motioned to accept the April 24, 2017 minutes; Judge Stefaniak seconded the motion. The minutes were passed unanimously.

Community Partners

Community Partners (CP) reported that the total number of families served as of June 2017 was 771, which included 2724 children. There were 319 open referrals, and 206 new referrals. Community Partners has partnered with the faith-based community and other community organizations to provide free Pack 'N Play cribs and educational materials to anyone with a child under the age of one year old due to the reduced funding from the Department of Health to provide this service to families. Locations are available throughout Lake County, including Gary, Hammond, East Chicago, and Merrillville. Successes: CP has been able to secure financial assistance for families from community resources; an additional staff member was hired; there were 30 referrals within the past week. RM Dumas highlighted the CP Picnic in which over 2,000 people were in attendance. Concern: failing to engage clients. Upcoming events: Fall Vendor Fair 10/2/17 and Family Fun Night 10/6/17.

Fiscal

Lois Logan-Beard reported that Lake County went over budget by 15.8% based on spending. The budget for Lake County has already been approved, and an additional \$10 million has been allocated for a total of \$66 million for the fiscal year.

Biennial Plan

RM Ellis Dumas reported that DCS is preparing for the upcoming biennial plan. The agency will receive feedback from the community prior to obtaining approval from the council.



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Next Meeting
October 23, 2017

Adjournment

Annette Smith moved to adjourn the meeting and Breanne LaPlante seconded the motion. Adjournment passed unanimously. Ellis Dumas adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM.



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